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In re Application of

Aaron Schipper

Application No. 10/762,095

Filed: January 21, 2004

Attorney Docket No. TCI-P0003

**DECISION ON PETITION** 

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 22, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of May 2, 2008. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)), an amendment that prima facie places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(A)(2). No extensions of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is August 3, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Notice of Appeal; (2) the petition fee of \$810; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The two month period for filing an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37 (accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)), runs from the date of this decision.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$555 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on December 22, 2008 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at (571) 272-1642.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1797 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received December 22, 2008.

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